

Credentialing of Mariners: A Continuing Examination. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security: RADM Kevin Cook, Director, Prevention Policy; and CAPT David C. Stalfort, Commanding Officer, National Maritime Center.

DISTRESSED COMMUNITIES TAX INCENTIVES

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures held a hearing on tax incentives for distressed communities. Testimony was heard from Nelson Bregon, General Deputy Assistant Secretary, Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—PERU UPDATE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations met in executive session to receive a briefing on Peru Update. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2892, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the future of the mortgage market and the housing enterprises, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: business meeting to consider any pending nominations; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the nominations of Marcia K. McNutt, of California, to be Director of the United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior, and Arun Majumdar, of California, to be Director of the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy, Department of Energy, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests, to hold hearings to examine S. 522, to resolve the claims of the Bering Straits Native Corporation and the State of Alaska to land adjacent to Salmon Lake in the State of Alaska and to provide for the conveyance to the Bering Straits Native Corporation of certain other public land in partial satisfaction of the land entitlement of the Corporation under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, S. 865

and H.R. 1442, bills to provide for the sale of the Federal Government's reversionary interest in approximately 60 acres of land in Salt Lake City, Utah, originally conveyed to the Mount Olivet Cemetery Association under the Act of January 23, 1909, S. 881, to provide for the settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, S. 940, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the Nevada System of Higher Education certain Federal land located in Clark and Nye counties, Nevada, S. 1272, to provide for the designation of the Devil's Staircase Wilderness Area in the State of Oregon, to designate segments of Wasson and Franklin Creeks in the State of Oregon as wild or recreation rivers, and S. 1689, to designate certain land as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System and the National Landscape Conservation System in the State of New Mexico, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of William E. Kennard, of the District of Columbia, to be Representative to the European Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador, Cynthia Stroum, of Washington, to be Ambassador to Luxembourg, John F. Tefft, of Virginia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador to Ukraine, and Michael C. Polt, of Tennessee, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Estonia, all of the Department of State, and James Legarde Hudson, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 448 and H.R. 985, bills to maintain the free flow of information to the public by providing conditions for the federally compelled disclosure of information by certain persons connected with the news media, S. 1692, to extend the sunset of certain provisions of the USA PATRIOT Act and the authority to issue national security letters, S. 369, to prohibit brand name drug companies from compensating generic drug companies to delay the entry of a generic drug into the market, S. 379, to provide fair compensation to artists for use of their sound recordings, and the nominations of Jacqueline H. Nguyen and Dolly M. Gee, both to be a United States District Judge for the Central District of California, and Edward Milton Chen and Richard Seeborg, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, and Brendan V. Johnson, to be United States Attorney for the District of South Dakota, Karen Louise Loeffler, to be United States Attorney for the District of Alaska, and Steven Gerard O'Donnell, to be United States Marshal for the District of Rhode Island, all of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees and Border Security, to hold hearings to examine comprehensive immigration reform, focusing on faith-based perspectives, 3 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the Department of Defense and Veterans' Affairs response to certain military exposures, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to consider certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Defense Acquisition Reform Panel, hearing on the Department of Defense's Rapid Acquisition Process: Is It a Model for Improving Acquisition? 8 a.m., 2261 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, Subcommittee on Healthy Families and Communities, hearing to Examining Innovative Practices to Improve Child Nutrition, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 1147, Local Community Radio Act of 2009; H.R. 1084, Commercial Advertisement Loudness Mitigation Act; H.R. 1258, Truth in Caller ID Act of 2009; and H.R. 3633, To allow the funding for the interoperable emergency communications grant program established under the Digital Television Transition and Public Safety Act of 2005 to remain available until expended through fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2382, Credit Card Interchange Fees Act of 2009; and H.R. 3639, Expedited CARD Reform for Consumers Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled "The Future of the Federal Housing Administration's Capital Reserves: Assumptions, Predictions and Implications for Homebuyers," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, hearing on Civil Rights Under Fire: Recent Supreme Court Decisions, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts and Competition Policy, hearing on H.R. 3596, Health Insurance Industry Antitrust Enforcement Act of 2009, 11:30 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Science and Technology, Subcommittee on Research and Science Education, hearing on Investing in High-Risk, High-Reward Research, 1 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Subcommittee on Finance and Tax, to mark up the following measures: the Small Business Credit Expansion and Loan Markets Stabilization Act; the Job Creation and Economic Development Through CDC Modernization Act of 2009; Small Business Microlending Expansion Act of 2009; the Small Business Investment Company Modernization and Improvement Act of 2009; the Enhanced New Markets and Expanded Investment in Renewable Energy for Small Manufacturers Act of 2009; H.R. 3014, Small Business Health Information Technology Financing Act; the Small Business Early Stage Investment Act of 2009; and the Small Business Disaster Readiness and Reform Act of 2009, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 761, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the eligibility of parents of certain deceased veterans for interment in national cemeteries; H.R. 3485, Veterans Pensions Protection Act; H.R. 2243, Surviving Spouses' Benefit Improvement Act of 2009; H.R. 3544, National Cemeteries Expansion Act of 2009; and draft legislation, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2696, Servicemembers' Rights Protection Act; H.R. 1182, Military Spouses Residence Relief Act; H.R. 2416, To require the Department of Veterans Affairs to use purchases of goods or services through the Federal supply schedules for the purpose of meeting certain contracting goals for participation by small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans, including veterans with service-connected disabilities; H.R. 2461, Veterans Small Business Verification Act; H.R. 2614, Veterans' Advisory Committee on Education Reauthorization Act of 2009; and H.R. 2874, Helping Active Duty Deployed Act of 2009, 1 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Income Security and Family Support, hearing to evaluate the response of "safety net" programs during the recession, 10 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on Afghanistan Center of Excellence, 1 p.m., 304 HVC.